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### **REMARKS**

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

### **The Telephone Interview**

Initially, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Smith for granting and attending the telephonic interview on September 15, 2005 with Caleb Pollack, Reg. No. 37,912 attorney of record for the Applicants, and Rachel Bentov and Tina Bellomo, representatives of the assignee.

Applicants' representatives discussed with the Examiner proposed draft claim amendments, which are reflected above. Applicants' representatives also discussed with the Examiner prior art cited by the Examiner in the subject office action, particularly Meron et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0042562), Takayama et al. (US Patent No. 5,088,492) and Crowley (US Patent No. 6,185,443). Applicants' representatives and the Examiner agreed on claim amendments that overcame the prior art 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections of record and the prior art 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections of record. The amendments submitted in this Amendment and Response include, inter alia, the agreed upon claim amendments.

### **STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-43 are pending. Claims 1-33 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 34-43 were rejected in the Office Action dated June 28, 2005.

Claims 35-39 have been amended. Amendments to the dependent claims 35-36 and 38-39 have been made, inter alia for the purpose of clarity and for the purpose of fixing typographical errors.

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New claims 44-47 have been added to further define what the Applicants consider to be the invention.

Claims 34 and 41-43 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims and specification add no new matter.

### **SPECIFICATION**

In the Office Action, the Examiner suggested a more descriptive title. In response, Applicants have amended the title as suggested by the Examiner.

### **NEW CLAIMS**

During the September 15 interview, the Examiner and Applicants' representatives agreed on new independent claims 44 and 45 that overcome the prior art rejections of record.

Applicants have added new claims 46-47 to clarify what Applicants regard as the invention.

With regard to new claims 44-47, none of the prior art of record alone or in combination teaches the limitations of such new claims. For example, specifically the prior art Meron (2002/0042562), Takayama et al. (5,088,492), and Crowley (6,185,443) does not teach an apparatus or method for converting the non-image sensor information to the output of an illumination source, wherein a container encloses the illumination source and an imager as is recited in Applicants' new independent claims 44 and 45.

Applicants assert that new claims 44-45 are allowable.

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## **CLAIM REJECTIONS**

### **35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected independent claim 41 and dependent claims 42-43 which incorporate independent claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 41-43 are cancelled hereinabove. The rejection of claims 41-43 is therefore moot.

### **35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 34-36 and 39-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Meron (2002/0042562). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 35-36 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Meron in view of the remarks that follow.

As discussed, Applicants' independent claims 44 and 45 are allowable over Meron. Each of dependent claims 35-36 and 39-40, as amended depends, directly or indirectly, from new independent claim 44 and thereby includes all of the elements of independent claim 44. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that dependent claims 35-36 and 39-40, as amended are likewise allowable and request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of dependent claims 35-36 and 39-40, as amended as being anticipated by Meron.

Claims 34 and 41-43 are cancelled hereinabove. The rejection of claims 34 and 41-43 is therefore moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 34-37 and 39-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Takayama et al. (5,088,492). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 34-37 and 39-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Takayama et al. in view of the remarks that follow.

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As discussed, Applicants' independent claim 44 is allowable over Takayama. Each of dependent claims 35-37 and 39-40, as amended, depends directly or indirectly, from new independent claim 44 and thereby includes all of the elements of claim 44. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that dependent claims 35-37 and 39-40, as amended are likewise allowable and request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of dependent claims 35-37 and 39-40 as being anticipated by Takayama.

Claim 34 is cancelled hereinabove. The rejection of claim 34 is therefore moot.

### **35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Meron in view of Crowley (6,185,443). It is noted that the Examiner may have made a typographical error and seems to have intended to reject claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Meron in view of Crowley (6,185,443) and not claim 37.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Meron in view of Crowley.

During the September 15, 2005 interview, the Examiner and Applicants' representatives agreed on amendments that would overcome the prior art rejections of record. These amendments are reflected in claim 38, as amended and listed hereinabove.

Dependent claim 38, as amended depends directly from new independent claim 44 and includes all of the elements of new independent claim 44.

As discussed above, new independent claim 44, as amended is allowable over Meron. Crowley does not cure the deficiencies of Meron.

New independent claim 44 includes, inter alia, the limitations of "converting the non-image sensor information to the output of an illumination source, the illumination source contained within a container; relaying the output of the illumination source to an area on an image sensor, the image sensor contained within the container". Applicants assert that neither Meron nor Crowley, alone or in combination, teach or suggest,

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“converting the non-image sensor information to the output of an illumination source, the illumination source contained within a container; relaying the output of the illumination source to an area on an image sensor, the image sensor contained within the container” as is required by Applicants new independent claim 44.

An obviousness rejection requires a teaching or a suggestion by the relied upon prior art of all the elements of a claim (M.P.E.P. §2142). Neither Meron nor Crowley, alone or in combination, teach or suggest all the elements of any of claim 38, as amended. Therefore Applicants assert that neither Meron nor Crowley, alone or in combination, render claim 38 obvious.

Applicants assert that dependent claim 38 is allowable. Thus Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Meron in view of Crowley be withdrawn.

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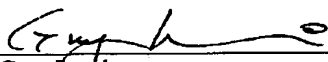
### Conclusion

Applicants submit that, for at least the reasons presented above, the Applicants' claims are patentable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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